

# *Executive Proclamation*

## *State of South Dakota*

### *Office of the Governor*

*Whereas*, William M. Groethe is a professional photographer in Rapid City whose photos have helped preserve South Dakota's rich history, culture, and heritage; and,

*Whereas*, William's photographs document the carving of Mount Rushmore and Crazy Horse monuments; and,

*Whereas*, William's photographs capture the devastation of the 1972 Rapid City flood; and,

*Whereas*, William photographed survivors of the 1890 Wounded Knee Massacre; and,

*Whereas*, William photographed the last nine survivors from the Battle of the Little Big Horn on September 2, 1948; and,

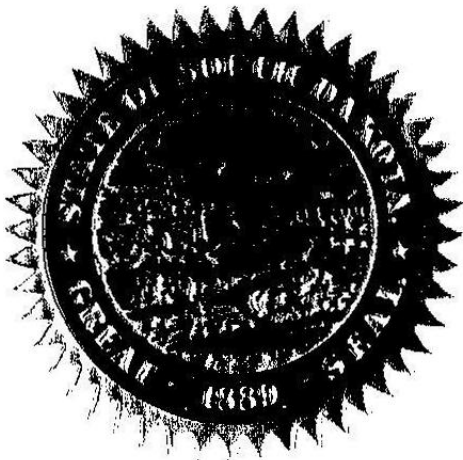
*Whereas*, William has donated many photographs to schools and colleges so young people could learn about their history; and,

*Whereas*, It is fitting and proper as governor to recognize William for the numerous contributions he has made to the preservation of our state's history on the 61<sup>st</sup> anniversary of the photo shoot of the Little Big Horn survivors:

*Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds*, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim September 2, 2009, as

### *WILLIAM M. GROETHE DAY*


in South Dakota.



*In Witness Whereof*, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Third Day of August in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Nine.

  
M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

  
Chris Nelson, Secretary of State